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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to hunting, trapping, and fishing privileges
2 for disabled veterans.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsection 16, Code 2022, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 16. a. Upon payment of the fee established by rules adopted
4 pursuant to [section 483A.1](#) for a lifetime fishing license or
5 lifetime hunting and fishing combined license, the department
6 shall issue a lifetime fishing license or lifetime hunting and
7 fishing combined license to a resident of Iowa who has served
8 in the armed forces of the United States on federal active
9 duty and who ~~was disabled or~~ was a prisoner of war during that
10 veteran's military service. The department shall prepare
11 an application to be used by a person requesting a lifetime
12 fishing license or lifetime hunting and fishing combined
13 license under [this subsection](#). The department of veterans
14 affairs shall assist the department in verifying the status or
15 claims of applicants under [this subsection](#). ~~As used in this~~
16 ~~subsection, "disabled" means entitled to a service connected~~
17 ~~rating under 38 U.S.C. ch. 11 paragraph.~~

18 b. A resident of Iowa who has served in the armed forces of
19 the United States on federal active duty and who was disabled
20 may hunt without acquiring a hunting license, hunt or trap a
21 fur-bearing animal without acquiring a fur harvester license,
22 or fish without acquiring a fishing license. While hunting,
23 trapping, or fishing pursuant to this paragraph, the resident
24 shall, upon request of an officer of the department, display
25 proof of the veteran's age, residency, veteran status, and
26 disability status. As used in this paragraph, "disabled" means
27 entitled to a service connected rating under 38 U.S.C. ch. 11.

28 EXPLANATION

29 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
30 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

31 This bill relates to hunting, trapping, and fishing
32 privileges for certain disabled veterans. Under current law, a
33 resident who served in the armed forces of the United States on
34 federal active duty and who was disabled during that veteran's
35 military service is eligible to obtain a lifetime fishing

1 license or a lifetime hunting and fishing combined license.

2 Under the bill, a resident who is a disabled veteran may hunt
3 without acquiring a hunting license, hunt or trap a fur-bearing
4 animal without acquiring a fur harvester license, or fish
5 without acquiring a fishing license. A resident hunting,
6 trapping, or fishing in such manner shall, upon request of an
7 officer of the department of natural resources, display proof
8 of the veteran's age, residency, veteran status, and disability
9 status.

10 As a matter of law, a person who is not required to possess a
11 fishing license to fish is not required to pay a trout fishing
12 fee to fish for or possess trout.